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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION LEADER MAVROS CALLS AGAIN FOR GREEK-TURKISH NON-AGRESSION PACT

1. ON HIS RETURN FROM A ONE-WEEK VISIT TO THE UK AT THE INVITATION OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, GEORGE MAVROS, LEADER OF THE CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES PARTY (CU/NF), HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE DURING WHICH HE REPEATED HIS EARLIER SUGGESTION THAT GREECE AND TURKEY CONCLUDE A NON-AGGRESSION PACT, "NOT AS A SOLUTION TO GREEK-TURKISH DIFFERENCES BUT IN ORDER TO CREATE THE PROPER CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE ESSENTIAL TO RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES". (NOTE: MAVROS' PROPOSAL, WHICH ORIGINALLY SURFACED IN A LONDON TIMES INTERVIEW ON JUNE 20, HAS PROVOKED NO OFFICIAL GOG COMMENT.)

2. MAVROS SAID THERE IS COMPLETE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE. IN ENGLAND, HE SAID, HE FOUND UNDERSTANDING FOR THE GREEK VIEWPOINT WITH REGARD TO CYPRUS. MAVROS CONTINUED THAT
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A PERCEPTION IS TAKING HOLD IN ENGLAND THAT PARTITION

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(WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM A BIZONAL SETTLEMENT) IS
INCONCEIVABLE. THIS IS SO BOTH FOR ECONOMIC AND FOR SECURITY
REASONS. MAVROS THEN POINTED OUT THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF BRITAIN AS A GUARANTOR POWER FOR THE TURKISH INVASION
IS GREAT AND THAT BRITAIN ON JULY 16, 1974 COULD HAVE
THROWN OUT SAMPSON AND SUBSTITUTED CONSTITUTIONAL LEGALITY.
MAVROS ADDED THAT HE HOPED THE UK WOULD NOT SELL ARMS TO
TURKEY SINCE IT WOULD BE INCONCEIVABLE FOR A GUARANTOR
POWER TO PERMIT THE USE OF ARMS AGAINST A COUNTRY
WHOSE INDEPENDENCE THE UK IS OBLIGED TO GUARANTEE.

3. REPLYING TO A QUERY ON GREECE'S ENTRY INTO THE EC,
MAVROS SAID HE FOUND FULL UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT IN
ENGLANDFOR GREECE'S FULL MEMBERSHIP. MAVROS NOTED THAT
WHILE THE TURKISH ECONOMY IS CONSIDERABLY LESS DEVELOPED
THAN THAT OF GREECE, AFTER GREECE BECOMES A MEMBER IT
WILL SUPPORT TURKEY'S ENTRY WHEN TURKEY IS READY FOR
MEMBERSHIP.

4. WITH REFERENCE TO THE DELAY IN THE TRAIL OF THOSE
REPSONSIBLE FORTHE JULY 1974 CYPRUS COUP, MAVROS COMMENTED
THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO PROCEED WITH THIS TRIAL. (NOTE:
ALL OPPOSITION LEADERS LAST MARCH UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED,
FOR A LIMITED PERIOD, THE GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST TO POSTPONE
LEGAL PROCEEDINGS ON THE CYPRUS COUP. RECENTLY, PASOK
LEADER PAPANDREOU SET A JULY 24 DEADLINE FOR BEGINNING
PROSECUTION OF THE CASE. IN A STATEMENT YESTERDAY
PAPANDREOU INDICATED THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE"BETRAYAL OF CYPRUS"
SHOULD BE PROSECUTED SO THAT THE FACTS OF THE BETRAYAL CAN
BECOME KNOWN "AND WHERE THE TRAITOROUS JUNTA GUIDED BY FOREIGN
SERVICES LED US".)
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